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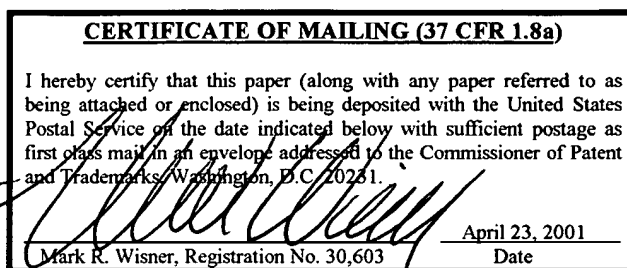
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of: Charles A. Conrad
Serial No.: 09/411,568
Filed: October 4, 1999
For: **IN VIVO PRODUCTION
OF ssDNA CONTAINING
DNA ENZYME SEQUENCE
WITH RNASE ACTIVITY**

Atty. Docket No.: INGA,004/C/CIP
Examiner: J. Martinell
Group Art Unit: 1633

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231



RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION OF DECEMBER 21, 2000

Dear Sir:

Applicant responds to the Official Action mailed in the captioned application on December 21, 2000 as follows. A request for a one month extension of the time to respond to that Action, and a check for the applicable fee, is enclosed. In the event the check in the amount of any necessary fees was not properly executed, was not included with this Response and/or was insufficient in amount, or for any other reason this Response is not considered timely filed, request is hereby made for an extension of the time for the period necessary to ensure consideration of this Response and the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0965 (INGA,004/C/CIP) in the amount of any necessary fee.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the specification as follows (in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.12(b)(iii), another version of the replacement paragraph(s), on one or more pages separate from this amendment and marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of that paragraph(s), is attached):

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 (referring to the line numbers in the margin of the page) and ending on page 1, line 11, with the following paragraph:

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